

# **Joint Industry Program on Oil spill contingency for Arctic and ice-covered waters.**

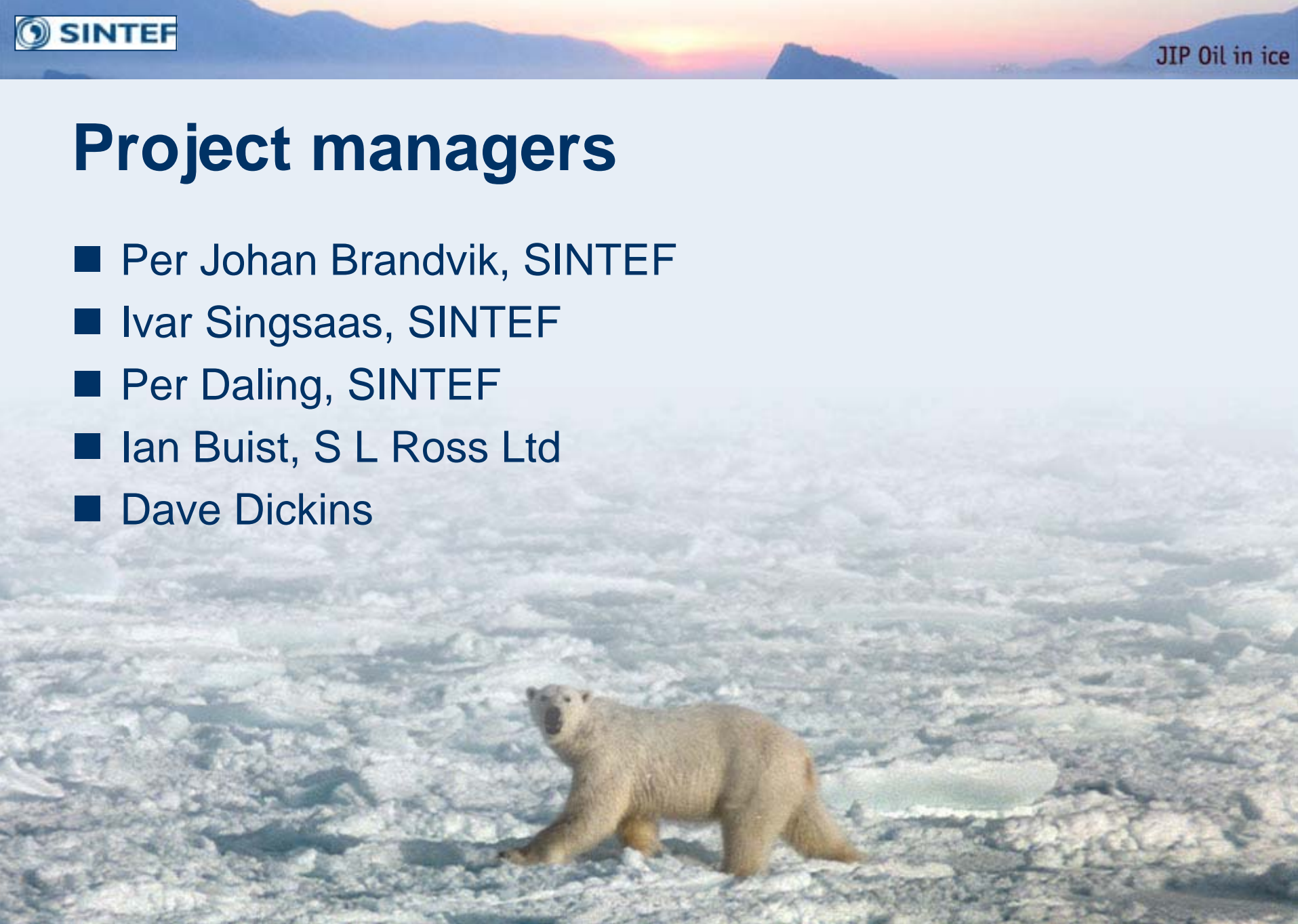
## **”JIP Oil in Ice”**

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- Extensive research has been performed during the last 30 years including field tests, observations, laboratory studies and numerical studies to understand the fate, behaviour and weathering processes that take place when oil is spilled in ice.
- Despite some recent research, the majority of this work is however 10 years or older, as also concluded in a review on the behaviour of oil in freezing environments (Fingas and Hollebone, 2003).
- Some recent research;
  - MMS initiated in 2004 a three year research project focusing on fundamental weathering processes of oil in ice (spreading, evaporation, migration etc.).
  - Another ongoing program is performed by the University Centre on Svalbard (UNIS) and SINTEF regarding oil weathering at different ice conditions (Brandvik et al., 2005)
  - As well as the projects presented at this workshop
- Compared to the in-depth knowledge which exists regarding fate and behavior of oil spills in open water and temperate conditions our knowledge regarding Arctic oil spills are still limited.
- CONCLUSION
  - “A joint industry program on oil spill contingency for Arctic and ice covered waters” called “JIP Oil in ice”

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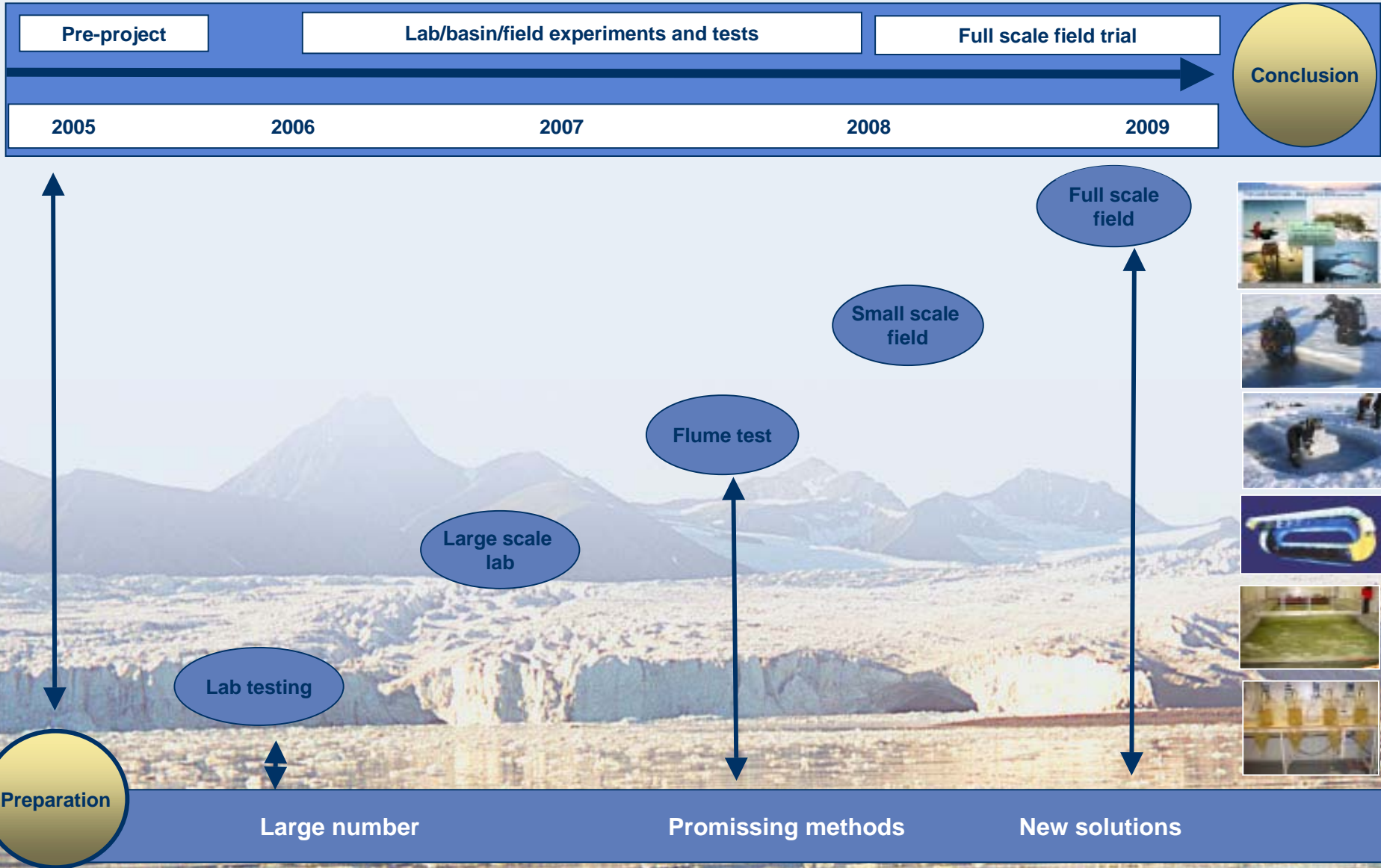


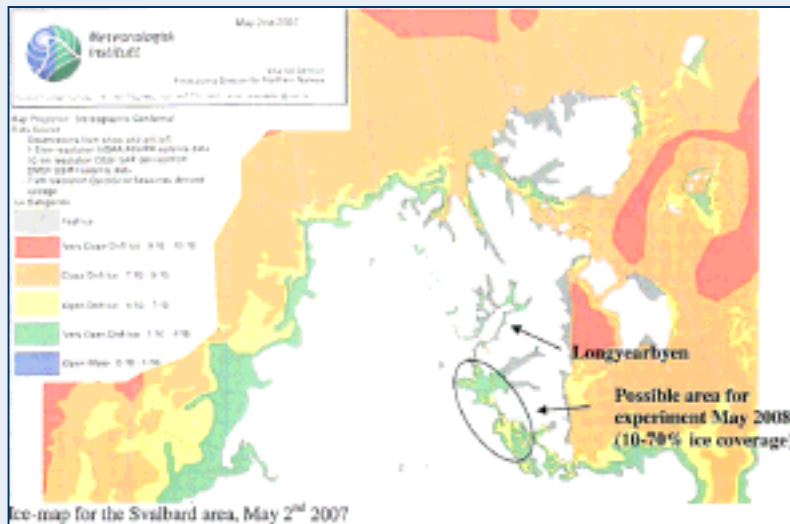


## Overall objective

**Advance and develop  
knowledge, methods and equipment  
for oil spill response  
in  
Arctic and ice-covered waters.**







P#	2008	Comments
<b>P1 Weathering</b>	Basic weathering data will be collected as support to the other projects (P2-P5)	
<b>P2 Burning</b>	Testing of herders and booms	Testing of herders require one separate or several small separate spills. Test of towing of booms in ice concentration less than 30% requires two vessels.
<b>P3 Mechanical recovery</b>	Testing of existing systems	Existing skimmer solutions modified for winter conditions A number of short term smaller spills (release and collect on the same day) and 1-2 tests pr skimmer.
<b>P5. Remote sensing</b>	Test of existing airborne systems operated by different coast guard organisations	The tests will be accomplished on the spills related to P2 and P3.


















P#	2009	Comments
<b>P1 Weathering</b>	Original plan as scheduled.	Long-term weathering, 10d, minimum 10m3. Preferably two spills and two different ice conditions (30-50% and 50-70%) 3-5 days. / 8-12 days.
<b>P2 Burning</b>	Large scale burn experiment.	60-70 % ice. Weather before burn. One separate burning experiment that requires a weathering period of approximately two days in advance. Separate spill. 1x10 m3 / 1 x5 m3 of basic crude.
<b>P3 Mechanical recovery</b>	Verification of 1-2 new concepts.	Two different ice-regimes. Separate spills based on emulsified oil. 30-50 % ice. Separate vessel. 5 m3 pr small test. Short term experiments (release and collection on the same day). Separate vessels and separate crew. Sampling and analysis of oil on water.
<b>P4. Dispersants</b>	Testing of application systems.	Two separate spray tests. 6-12 hours / 1-3 days. Separate spills based on basic crude oil. 30-50% ice cover. 2 x 5 m3 pr spill. Dispersant application day one and after 1-3 days. Weathering before dispersant application. Directed by FLIR helicopter. Sampling of water column 2 days after dispersant application.
<b>P5. Remote sensing</b>	Verify / surveillance/ mapping of oil on water.	Airborne remote sensing equipment as a tool for mapping distribution of oil in ice as well as ice conditions. Required remote sensing systems to be decided.

Plus biological effects. P9- CRRC










# Funders and participants

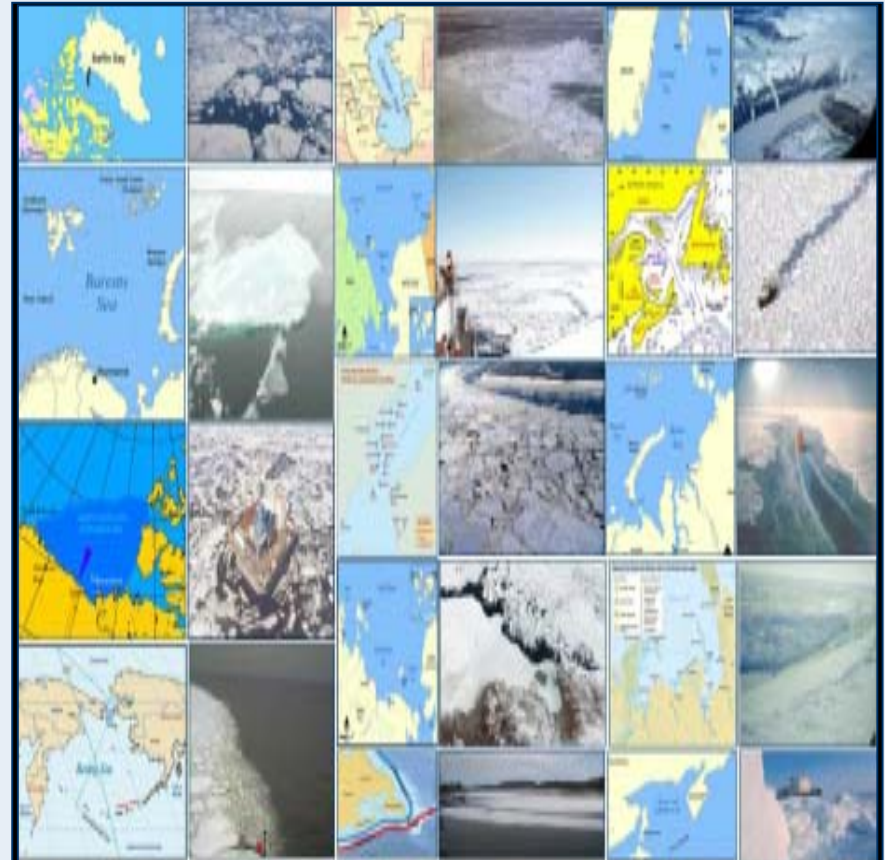
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 <b>Agip KCO</b>	 <p>In cooperation with</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ SL Ross Ltd,</li> <li>■ Dickins Associates</li> </ul> <p>and a number of other R&amp;D organisations</p>	
		
 <b>Chevron</b>		
 <b>Shell</b>		
 <b>Total</b>		
<b>StatoilHydro</b>		
 <b>BP</b>		



# IT'S INTERNATIONAL

## Participants from 9 countries – and relevant for more than 20 Arctic regions

■		USA	Oil producing
■		Canada	
■		Kazakhstan	
■		Russia	
■		Norway	
■		Finland	Tech + services
■		Sweden	
■		Germany	
■		Denmark	



## 9 PROJECTS, 25 SUBPROJECTS, approximately US\$ 9-10 mill, 3,5 years from September 2006

### P1 FATE AND BEHAVIOUR

- Compile existing data
- Upgrade oil weathering model
- Meso scale experiments
- Field experiments on Svalbard
- Full scale experiment



### P2 IN SITU BURNING

- Mapping of burnability as a result of weathering
- Field test of herding agents
- Test fire resistant booms
- Weathering and window of opportunity.



### P3 MECHANICAL RECOVERY

- Test existing concepts – winterisation
- Develop new concepts



### P4 CHEMICAL DISPERSANTS

- Effectiveness by use of dispersants
- Improve application technology



### P5 REMOTE SENSING

- Dev and test remote sensing systems
- Shell methane detection system
- Develop detection and tracking concept
- Laser Fluorosensor system



### P6 GENERIC OIL SPILL GUIDE

- Ice regimes (scenarios)
- Generic plan

### P7 JIP COORDINATION

- Coordination and management
- Workshops and meetings
- Communication



### P8 FIELD EXPERIMENTS

- Svalbard
- Offshore field experiments

### P9 BIOLOGICAL EFFECTS

- Oil-ice interaction vs biological effects



# As much as 100 experts?

## ■ Steering Committee

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- BP; Tad Lynch

- Pluss a number of technical experts in different topics

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- Norw. Coastal Admin., Johan M. Ly
- MMS, Joe Mullins/Dick Prentki
- OSRI, Scott Pegau
- CRRRC/NOAA, Amy Merten
- .. and a number of other experts

## ■ Reference group on each project;

- 5 experts

## ■ Total number of experts involved;

- Approx 100

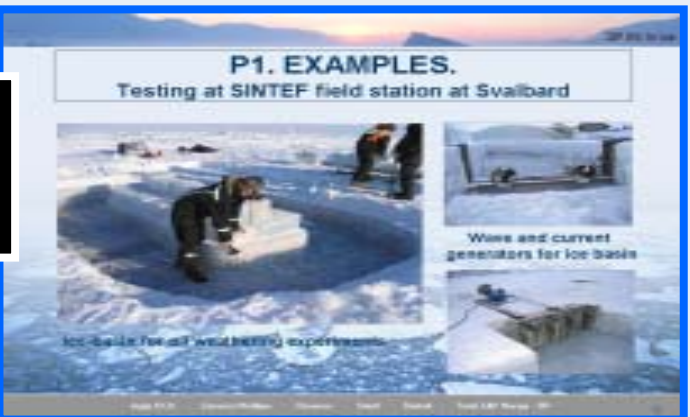
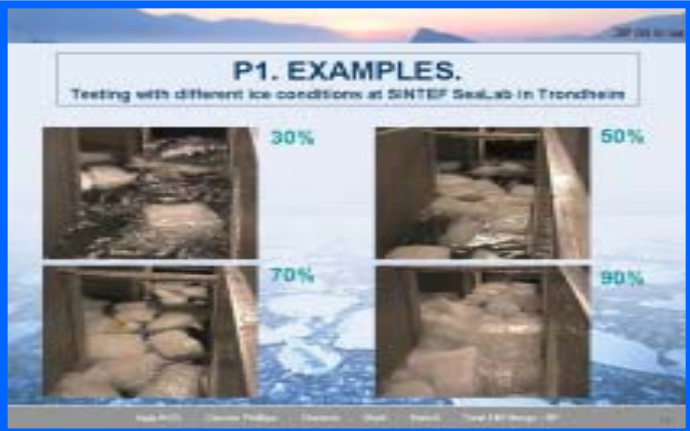
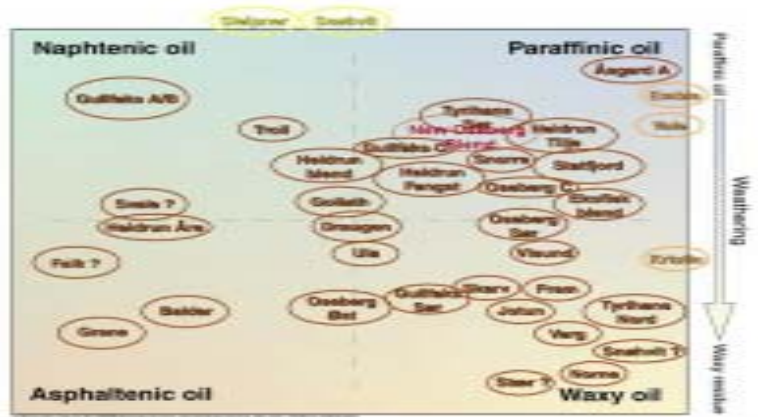


## P1. Main experimental activities

- 1. Meso-scale at SINTEF SeaLab 2007/08
- 2. Small scale field trials at Svalbard 2007-08
- 3. Full scale field verification 2009

Defining weathering properties is one important basis for defining the "window of opportunity"

## Categorization of crude oils



# In situ burning

- In-situ burning is particularly suited for use in ice conditions, sometimes offering the only option for removal of surface oil.
- Removal efficiency for thick slicks can exceed 90%. Oil removal rates of 2000 m<sup>3</sup>/hour can be achieved.
- The fundamentals of in-situ burning are;
  - Oil properties or oil type
  - Oil weathering (“window of opportunity”)
  - Environmental condition (especially wind and waves)
  - Safety hazards (human and the environment)
  - Oil availability for ignition/burning
  - Igniters
  - Fire-proof boom systems

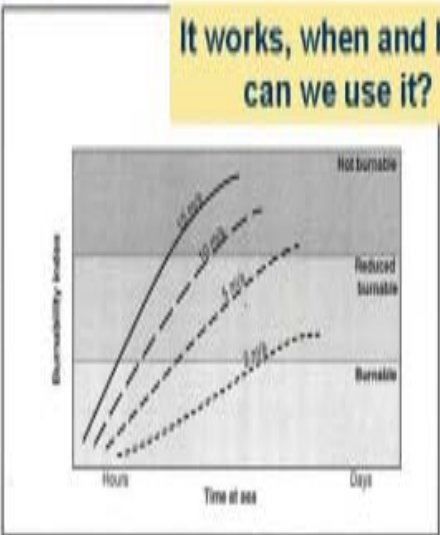


Burning of Arctic oil spills

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Future goals: Predict time window for In-situ burning of oil-in-ice

It works, when and how can we use it?



Burnability as a function of: oil type, ice condition, wind/temp

In-situ burning in fire-proof booms



Testing of booms burning (ignition and burning on Svalbard)

Burning of Arctic oil spills



In-situ burning 'recovery' oil in ice with high effectiveness (rate and efficiency)

P2. EXAMPLES

Laboratory burning cell used to map burning efficiency versus oil weathering



P2. EXAMPLES

ISB at SINTEF field station at Svalbard April 2007



ISB as a function of weathering (i.e. after classification with the GOWE scale) to correlate the new burning windows to field ISB results

P2. EXAMPLES

Field verification of fire proof boom systems



The field verification of fire proof boom systems is based on further testing both in the field and in the laboratory (see Chapter 10.2)



# Mechanical oil recovery

- Most ice-covered areas have ice-free seasons when technology developed for open waters can be used.
- Oil recovery operations in ice covered waters will however be confronted with totally different problems than in open waters;
  - Limited flow of oil to the recovery device
  - Limited access to the oil
  - Deflection of oil together with ice
  - Separation of oil from ice
  - Contamination of ice /cleaning of ice
  - Increased oil viscosity
  - Icing /freezing of equipment
  - Strength considerations
  - Detection of oil in various ice conditions

MIZ-Experiment, Barents Sea, 1993



New lab at SINTEF 2007



## How can we make further improvements?

In cooperation with suppliers of technology  
from  
Norway, Finland, Denmark

P3. EXAMPLES.  
TESTING IN ICE BASIN



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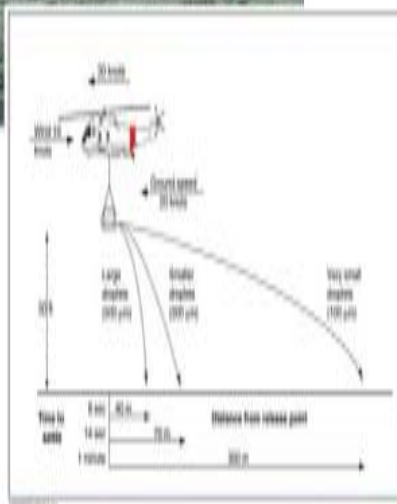
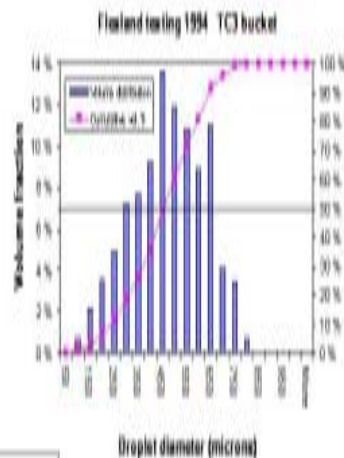


# Dispersants

- Most of the studies with dispersants under "arctic" conditions have been performed through the Norwegian ONA-program (1990) and the DIWO-program (1993)..
- Later cold water dispersants studies have also been performed by S.L. Ross Environmental Research on Sakhalin/Hibernian/North Slope oils (S.L. Ross, 2001, 2002) and at SINTEF/CEDRE on North Sea crudes (2006).
- The effectiveness of dispersants is dependent on:
  - Oil properties or oil type
  - Type of dispersant
  - Oil weathering (window of opportunity)
  - Sea water and air temperature (oil and dispersant properties)
  - Sea water salinity (surfactant leakage)
  - Energy conditions (to initiate chemical dispersion)
  - Oil availability for dispersant application



## When does dispersants work? How can we apply them?



**Potential for improvement:**

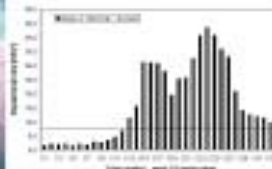
- Capacity
- Viscosity sensitivity
- Variable dosage rates
- Droplet size distribution
- Filling

### Testing of prototype



**Parameters :**

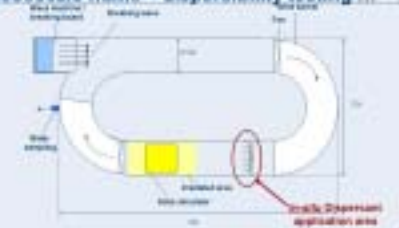
- Densities / stress coverage
- Dropouts and distribution
- Shrinkage



P4. Some examples:  
Dispersant effectiveness testing

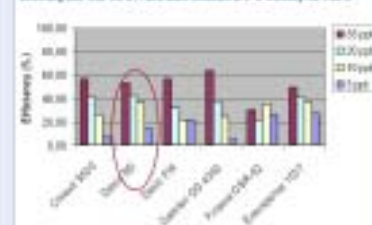
<sup>a</sup> Swarming with T cell 100-C4 = 100%, water emulsion at 4 °C (mixture, 1000:1 phase, 1000).

P4. Some examples:  
Mesoscale flume – dispersibility testing



P4. Some examples...

Experiments with Tris-HCl buffer (100 mM) were conducted at 37°C (pH 7.4) as a control.



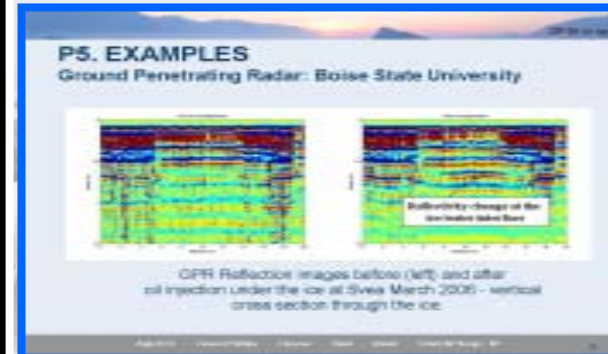
# Monitoring and remote sensing

- When handling oil spills in open water we have a wide variety of remote sensing tools that can monitor the oil trajectory, the distribution of the oil and the film thickness of the oil on the sea surface.
- This is possible through a combination of sensors located onboard satellites, airplanes/helicopters and even operated from boats.
- The question is;
  - Can we do the same with oil spills in ice?

## Experimental tech

To test and Document  
Experimental as well  
as  
operational systems  
Under realistic and  
Controlled  
Field  
conditions

## Operational systems





# P6 – P9

## ■ P6; Generic OSC Guide

- For planning purpose
- Based on results from this program and previous work
- On internet

## ■ P7; Coordination, management

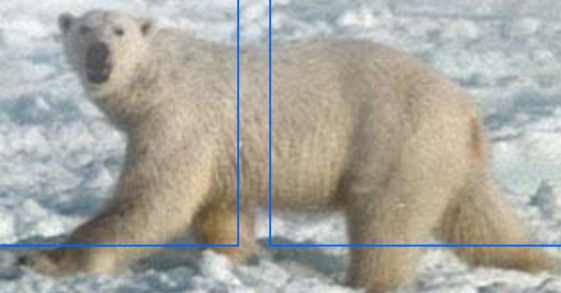
- Administration
- Workshops (mainly internal)
- Communication

## ■ P8. Field experiments

- At Svalbard
- Offshore

## ■ P9; Biological effects

- Under development
- In cooperation with CRRC



## SOME IMPORTANT DELIVERABLES

### MODELLING TOOLS:

**Oil weathering model**

**Upgrading of oil weathering algorithms for a new version of SINTEF OWM.**

### TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT

**Definition of “Window of opportunity”**

**For in-situ burning**

**For use of chemical dispersants**

**New technology**

**For improved mechanical recovery**

**For dispersant application**

**Experience**

**through meso-scale and full-scale field experiments**

**Documentation**

**of the usefulness for new as well as existing remote sensing techniques**

**Tactical descriptions**

**For operational use of chemical herders on oil spilled in ice**

**For the use of fire proof booms and in situ burning of oil spilled in ice**

### DECISION MAKING TOOL

**Generic Oil Spill Guide**

**Internet based generic oil spill contingency plan**

### INFORMATION

**Publications and reports**

**5 publications in relevant and international reviewed journals.**

**Condensed summary report and brochure**

**Work shops**

**One WS pr semester**

**Final JIP oil-in-ice conference**



**Thank you for your attention**

